

To the Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I am voicing my support to retain all the FCC rules in question. These rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry and serve the public interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the broadcast marketplace. These rules are; The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

The great privilege to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events, both locally and globally, is part of the founding philosophy of this country. It is clear to me that our democracy has suffered significantly at the hands of corporate powers which dominate media ownership, monopolizing control of information in the hands of fewer and fewer megacorporations. These corporations then use their control of media to serve the profit and greed interests of company executives and shareholders. The result is an ill-informed, dumbed-down populace with detailed awareness of consumer topics like what fast food to buy, what fashions to wear, or what new built-in-obsolescence electronic gadget they need to buy, but little power of information and knowledge needed to make a democracy function or a fulfilling and meaningful life.

The FCC already has rules limiting ownership to preserve the ecology of a healthy marketplace of ideas and to protect the public interest from the commercial interest. If the FCC undermines this ecology by removing the rules, it further undermines the future health of the marketplace of information and of our very existence as a free, democratic nation.

It is my belief that removing these rules will further push our nation down its current path of implosion into a state of chaos, civil war, and revolution taking shape around the resistance of the people to the corporate powers that continually strive to dominate public life. I urge you to rule in the public interest on this matter. The public interest and the interest of our democracy will be served by preserving the FCC's Broadcast Media ownership rules.

Thank you,
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